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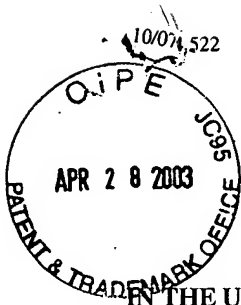
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Susanne H Goodson :

Serial No. 10/074,522 :

Filed: February 14, 2002 :

For: CONTROLLED RELEASE MATERIALS :

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: BENNETT, Rachel

ELECTION/RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2003, Applicant is making the following elections.

REMARKS

Applicant elects Group 1, Claims 1-10 drawn to a solid polymer film for examination on the merits.

The Examiner has requested that Applicant choose a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently no claim is considered generic. The Examiner lists the Species for Group I as

- a) encapsulating agents drawn to a laundry detergent;
- b) encapsulating agents drawn to a dishwashing detergent;
- c) encapsulating agents drawn to personal care products;
- d) encapsulating agents drawn to a sachet;
- e) encapsulating agents drawn to a pill or capsule.

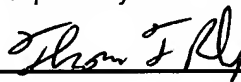
Applicant does not understand how the suggested species are subsets of "a solid polymer film". They are not elements of the claims of group I. The species listed are elements of the claims of Group II. Group I is to a specific

chemistry of a solid film. The species listed are of two different types of sub-species, and neither to a film: the first dealing with end-use (laundry detergent, dishwashing detergent, and personal care products), and the second dealing with the form of the encapsulated product for any use.

Applicant believes Claim 1 is generic to all of the uses and physical forms that the Examiner listed as "species" for Group I. Applicant therefore, as required under 35 U.S.C. 121, and with traverse, selects encapsulating agents drawn to a laundry detergent as the species to which the claims shall be allowed if no generic claim is finally held allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing is a complete response to the office action and requests the Examiner to remove all rejections and pass the application to issuance at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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